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Aut inveniam viam, aut faciam.

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KILLED.

Crabtree Run Over By
N. & W. Train.

At Sunday night William Crabtree, who lived near the "Gap" on Two Mile road, was run over by N. & W. train not far from here and instantly killed. It is known how the accident happened. The body, which was mangled beyond recognition, was identified by some letters which were in his pocket. His brother was notified by telegram and Atkins was sent for the remains. The body was taken to his former home near the Gap on the Two Mile road where funeral service was held by the Rev. H. B. How. Crabtree was the son of Smith Crabtree and was in the 23rd year of his age and unmarried.

Mr. Burns Says.

I have personally known Judge M. Redwine for about fourteen years. I know him to be a Christian gentleman in the full sense of these words. I had so heard of him, for years, but I personally had not known him. I have after been with him in church, in Sunday School and at meetings and other Christian things. I know him to be a man of the cause of Christianity, and to all the churches, and a fine temperance man and temperate worker.

As a Judge he is the peer of any other Judges and as a Judge he is almost entirely put down and the whisky traffic in this county. His rulings have been fair, kindly kind, and perfectly impartial. The entire Bar is pleased with his manner of holding court. I see no reason why we should have a change of Judges, at least so short a time. He is already our man. Our docket, and it did take a new man nearly the two years to become so. He is honest, competent, and in every way, well qualified for and is a Judge, and, in my humble opinion, the public had better keep him. This is written without the solicitation or knowledge of Judge Redwine. R. T. Burns.

Accidentally Shot.

A sad accident, which proved fatal to a victim within a few hours after its occurrence was the shooting of Walter Perry by Irving Roberts, twelve year old boy, at Huntington Sunday night. The two were engaged in shooting rats with a .22 calibre revolver, taking turn about with the gun. They were hunting the rodents on the porch at Sanford Roberts' on upper Eighth avenue. It was Roberts time to shoot and Mr. Perry was at the opposite end of the porch peering under it for rats. A bullet fired. The bullet ended the top of his head and came in the throat. Dr. Vickers was summoned and soon decided there was no hope for Mr. Perry, and at about 11 o'clock that night.

From J. M. Riffe.

Yatesville, Ky., June 4, 1907. For Big Sandy News:—I see in your paper a call for a County Convention to be held on the 22 day of this month to select judges to make the race for the Judge and Commonwealth's money on the Democratic ticket. I find published in your paper names of two gentlemen seeking this nomination, to-wit: Judge Redwine and Mr. Jeff Hannah. There is my judgment but two questions to be considered on making the race for the office of Judge of the district and they are qualification and whisky.

Judge Redwine has been tried in the district on both these questions. He has proved his qualification on both. Then in the language of Abraham Lincoln why would you swap horses in the middle of the river while fording it. I have been practicing law in this county for the last thirty-five years and I am the Judge that has been over our court and I will not without fear of successful contention that we have never had a better Judge on the Bench. He is fearless and impartial and gives

to everybody that comes before him a fair chance. Then for the reason that he completely fills the bill for qualification, then why not support him.

Now on the whisky question I will say without any fear of contradiction that Judge Redwine has done more to stop the traffic of whisky in this county in the short time that he has been on the Bench than any other Judge has done before him and if the people will elect him to fill the office of Judge for two more years that we can wipe out the sale of whisky in this county, then why not support him.

I find that any amount of whisky is being used and distributed among the voters of this county against Judge Redwine and the men handling it says it is Hannah whisky. It is said that every whisky man and every man that voted against local option in our county is in favor of Mr. Hannah and against Judge Redwine, question, why is this? answer, in my opinion there must be some misunderstanding about this matter. Mr. Hannah may be all right if he is he is like poor Tray, caught in a very bad company.

In conclusion I will say to the voters of this county and district that vote in primary conventions go to your voting places and vote for the man that has been trusted and found all right and you people will profess to be Christians and vote as you pray. Don't vote for the whisky men's candidate and then go home and get down on your knees and pray God to stop the sale of whisky in your county. Resp'y, J. M. Riffe.

4th OF JULY

Will be Celebrated in Louisa
This Year.

Louisa will sustain her reputation as a patriotic city by celebrating the Glorious Fourth again this year. The Business Men's Club will take up the matter in connection with other citizens and a program will be arranged that should prove interesting to all who will come. The details will be announced through these columns in due time. Keep Louisa in mind and arrange to spend the day here.

Delightfully Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vinson, Lieut. and Mrs. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Conley, Dr. and Mrs. F. roten, Mrs. Geo. F. Wooten of Savannah, Ga., and Miss Lella Snyder were delightfully entertained Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stewart. Progressive whist was played to the extent of ten advancements, and most delicious cream and cake were appreciated at the close of the games. A new day was born ere regretful good bys were said to the hospitable hosts.

City Council.

This body met in regular session last Tuesday night, the Mayor and all the members present except Dan Blankenship. The business transacted was mostly routine, nothing new having been presented. The claims presented were allowed except as far as the treasury would permit. Paying, repaired and new, was considered, and so far as the NEWS could learn this was about all that was done.

Inspected The Property.

Major Omar Bundy, Inspector-General U. S. A., was here a few days ago on a tour of inspection. The Government property pertaining to the locks and dams in this vicinity was examined as to its condition, and report thereon will be made to the Department. Major Bundy was accompanied by Lieutenant Arthur Williams, Corps of United States Engineers.

The Misses Blanche Kilgore and Irene Embury, who are here from Catlettsburg this week, have been the recipients of much attention during their stay. On Friday evening they were entertained by Miss Nina Kathbone, Monday evening by Miss Flora Jones, Tuesday evening at the Dunawick by Miss Jeannie Adams, and on Wednesday Miss Laura Crutcher, whose guests the young ladies are, gave an evening in their honor.

A STATEMENT

By James Vinson As To Judge
Redwine's Action.

On May 25 1894 my father, Lazarus Vinson, better known as Lace, was murdered and robbed near Catlettsburg. I devoted the following four years of my life to the task of hunting down the murderers, at the sacrifice of everything I had in the world. The result was that Charles Martin and Dave Justice were convicted of the awful crime and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. M. M. Redwine was Commonwealth's Attorney and prosecuted these men. I consulted him all along about the evidence secured and he always told me the men were undoubtedly guilty.

Some time ago he was requested to secure the release of Martin and Justice from the penitentiary, and in compliance he wrote the following letters to the authorities at Frankfort:

Sandy Hook, Ky., Mar. 18, 1904. For the information of the Parole Commissioners I say I prosecuted David Justice charged with the murder of Lace Vinson. Justice denied any knowledge of the killing if he was killed he was found on the ground by a R. R. trude over which people walked. The deft., was convicted upon the evidence of one witness with some circumstances and one other witness who was impeached. The material witness was Martha Gouse. She swore before the grand jury that she knew nothing of the murder of Vinson on the trial she said she saw Justice and Martin with Vinson on the night before he was found dead and that Martin struck Vinson. Resp'y, M. M. Redwine.

Sandy Hook, Ky., Nov. 1st, 1904. To the Board of Pardons. Gentlemen:—I prosecuted Charlie Martin who was sent to the Penitentiary for the killing of L. Vinson from Boyd County the principal witness was Martha Gouse who had previously before two grand juries swore she knew nothing about who killed Vinson. She was not corroborated in what she stated on the trial vs. Martin. Resp'y, M. M. Redwine.

I prosecuted Charlie Martin there is considerably doubt as to the guilt of Martin and Justice. Martha Gouse the star witness swore she knew nothing of the case. Yours, M. M. Redwine.

The above is a true copy of letters of M. M. Redwine on file in this office in the application for the parole of Charlie Martin. May 28th 1907. Attest J. P. Barlow, Clerk Prison, Commission, Frankfort, Ky.

As you will see, the above is a certified copy of the letters, all of which are a part of the records in the office of the State Prison Commissioners at Frankfort.

Martin was paroled and is now at liberty as a result of these letters. I and my brothers and other relatives were very much surprised and aggrieved by the release of Martin. We heard that Redwine had secured the parole and we brought the matter to his attention. He denied positively that he had taken any hand in it. Later we were shown by E. E. Shannon an affidavit, or what was alleged to be a sworn statement made by Mr. Redwine, denying that he had been connected with the matter as charged. We were then thoroughly satisfied that Mr. Redwine had not taken any part whatever in freeing this man.

But the above certified copy of Mr. Redwine's letters came to my hands and this again aroused my suspicions. I dropped my work, which was very urgent, and went to Frankfort to see the records for myself. Upon my demand the records were opened to me and I saw with my own eyes the letters which had turned this murderer of my aged father loose and proved the treachery of M. M. Redwine. The letters are in his handwriting. I went to the Clerk's office before leaving for Frankfort and examined his handwriting. I also took with me samples of his handwriting for comparison. All this trouble was taken in order that I should make no mistake and that I should know the truth beyond question. I did learn the truth and it is almost enough to shake my confidence in humanity.

My friends, what do you think of such a man holding the responsible position of Circuit Judge? What a our country coming to when the sacred word of those exalted to the throne of justice can not be depended upon?

In view of this outrage upon truth and justice I appeal to my friends and relatives all over this district to go to work at once and never rest until the convention of June 22nd is over. This man Redwine must be retired from his high position, which only a sincere and truthful man should hold. In the name of my father, whom you all know to have been one of the most honorable and a right citizens in this district, I appeal to you to come to my aid in this fight. Not only did I spend my last dollar running down his murderers, but there is today hanging over me a debt contracted in the work and I am struggling every day to pay it. My brothers and brothers-in-law also spent money that their families needed. For four years I did nothing but work to uncover the truth of this dastardly crime that sent my poor old father into eternity without warning or a chance to defend himself. My friends and fellow-citizens, what are you going to do with officials of this kind? James Vinson.

A Talented Visitor.

Yesterday several of our citizens had the pleasure of meeting Miss Saldee Nannette Wheeler, of Pittsburgh, who was in Louisa a day or two while en route from Graham, Va., to her home. For two years Miss Wheeler had been teacher of Elocution in Graham College, whose President, J. B. McClure, will be one of the Faculty of Kentucky Normal College next year. She is a lady of great experience in her vocation, and this experience is enriched by an engaging personality and a manner which shows much culture and refinement. Miss Wheeler has studied with the masters of the profession of Elocution, and the NEWS is assured by Professor McClure, who is a very competent authority, that he knows of no one superior to Miss Wheeler as teacher and demonstrator of her beautiful art. In fencing, in fact in all lines of physical culture Miss Wheeler is said to be adept.

An effort will be made to secure the valuable services of this accomplished lady for the Kentucky Normal College, and this effort should be aided by our citizens in every possible way.

TO FARMERS.

Here is a good Market for Your
Garden Truck.

We will buy all the new potatoes, new beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, and in fact nearly all kinds of garden truck that the farmers will bring to us. We pay nothing but cash. We also want all the eggs and chickens we can get, as well as other kinds of produce.

Would be glad to have the farmers call and talk with us about what they will have for sale this season. Do this the first time you are in Louisa. Our place of business is Main street, next door to Shipman and Gentry.

Big Sandy Produce Co.

Judge Redwine Endorsed.

Honorable M. M. Redwine:—We, the undersigned members of County Bar, desire to express to you and to the public, our confidence in you as a man and as an official. We have known you for many years, and know that in the discharge of your official duties as Commonwealth's Attorney, and as Judge of our court, you have been honest, fearless, competent and impartial, and we especially commend you for your kindness and courtesy to the members of the Bar and the public. We cheerfully give you our support for the nomination for Judge of the Thirty-second Judicial District.

R. T. Burns,
J. M. Riffe,
G. W. Skagen,
J. W. Hinkle,
W. D. O'Neal, Jr.,
R. E. Lee,
A. O. Carter,
R. G. Moore,
F. R. Moore,
G. E. Fugett

THE FREE TRIP.

Much Interest in the Big Sandy News Trip To
Jamestown, Richmond and Washington.

NEW FEATURE ADDED TO STIMULATE SUBSCRIPTION WORK.

There are a good many dollars paid the Big Sandy News by persons not interested in the Jamestown contest and who do not cast any votes in it. These we designate as "Don't Care" votes. In order to stimulate the work for new subscribers we have decided to divide these votes amongst the three candidates having the most dollars on new subscriptions to their credit at a date to be announced later. The division of these votes will probably be 50 per cent to the one having the largest number, 30 per cent to the next and 20 to the next. Definite announcement will be made a little later. This is a double inducement to work for new subscribers.

DISTRICT A.

No. Votes.
Mrs. Fannie Wade, Louisa, 19,310
Miss Kizzie See, W'bridge, 10,100
Miss Minnie Stone, Louisa, 8525
Miss Janet O'Brien, Louisa, 7120
Miss Emma Carey, Louisa, 5820
Mrs. Nancy Preston, Louisa, 5
Miss Ida Huletje, Louisa, 5

DISTRICT B.

Miss Berta Cooper, Cherokee, 1175
Miss Mary Queen, Buchanan, 330
Miss Fanny Thompson, Kinner, 125
Miss Lillie Chambers, Estep, 60
Miss Dora Woods, Webbville, 5

DISTRICT C.

Miss Elizabeth Burgess, 5585
Georges Creek, 3120
Miss Ethel Swetnam, Wilbur, 105
Mrs. Julia Allen, Lowmansville, 105
Mrs. J. W. Hinkle, R'h'dson, 5

Above is a correct summary of the candidates and their votes up to Thursday morning of this week. All ballots will be preserved so that any question that might arise may be settled beyond question.

We expect to have the contest party stop over in Richmond, Va., which is a very interesting city, because of the important part played there in the history of this country. Also, on the return trip we hope to arrange to come from Norfolk to Washington City by steam, stopping en route at Mt. Vernon, the home of George Washington. Washington is the city of greatest interest to every citizen of the United States.

From Norfolk there will be side trips to Virginia Beach and Old Point Comfort, two of the most popular bathing resorts on the Atlantic coast. A dip in the ocean and a view of this great, restless body of water is alone worth the cost of a trip.

Don't you think all of this worth an effort? If you would like such a trip free of cost, or if you have a friend that you want to have the benefit of this great opportunity, now is the time to enter the contest.

It is not likely that we shall count the ballots each week hereafter. At any rate, we reserve the right to count them and announce the result at intervals of two to four weeks if desired.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and
Prestonsburg.

Hindman, Ky., June 1.—Word has reached here that Mat Sloan, a brother of Circuit Court Clerk L. C. Sloan, was killed at Lee City, Wolfe county, this morning. No details have been received.

The field is crowded in the Senatorial race and a hard fight is to be made for the Republican nomination. In the Sandy Valley section, Johnson has Dr. Daniel; Floyd, John Keel; Knott, John Combs.

The Pikeville Plaindealer has changed its publication day from Saturday to Thursday. What the editor calls "a thief, a scoundrel and a moral degenerate" broke in to his office one night recently and made pi of the forms.

On Thursday of last week, Will Smith, ex-Sheriff, of Pike county, lost by fire at mouth of Pond, his sawmill, planer, resaw, edger and \$500 worth of lumber. Both dwellings were damaged and the newer one will have to be recovered. The total loss is estimated at \$4,000.

Pikeville, Ky., June 1.—Jack Newcome, alleged slayer of Bird Hamilton, was caught on Prater's Creek, yesterday, and landed in jail in Prestonsburg. The crime was committed last Monday night, while the men were en route here from the Van Amburg show, which had exhibited here.

W. B. Webb has announced himself a candidate for Representative from the Seventeenth Legislative district, composed of the counties of Letcher, Knott and Floyd. He has been a lifelong Democrat and has a large acquaintance over the district, owing to his wide connection, being a member of the old Webb family. It is understood that there will be three in the race.

Plans are being formulated having for its object the erection of a five three-story Masonic Temple, on Court street, in Paintsville. The Masonic fraternity will occupy the third floor while the second

floor will be used for offices and the first floor will be given over to store rooms.

The building will be large and of modern architecture. Concrete blocks will be used in constructing the building.

Lawrence Gentry is enjoying a visit from his father, Gen. W. H. Gentry, of Lexington. Gen Gentry is a typical Kentucky gentleman, and bears the distinction of being a nephew of Daniel Boone—in fact, he is the closest living relative of that famous pioneer. He is a man of fine intellect, and it is a rare treat to listen to his stories of early life in Kentucky.—Ashland Independent.

Gen. Gentry spent Sunday with the family of W. F. Shipman.

State Agricultural Commissioner Herbert Vreeland of Kentucky, and Senator J. W. Newman, of Woodford county, are making arrangements for a forest survey of the State in order to ascertain the amount and character of its timber. The expense of the survey, it is stated, will be borne in part by the United States Department of Agriculture, the State paying half the cost.

The many friends of Jerry Diamond will be pained to learn that he has grown much worse within the last few days. Mr. Diamond has been an invalid for some time, being almost helpless from paralysis, but has borne his afflictions with remarkable fortitude and it is earnestly hoped he may rally from this attack. Ashland Independent.

William Rarabone, who has a responsible place with the big contract company which is building the dam across the Ohio river near Cincinnati, was here this week. He will move his family to Home City, as soon as he can procure a residence there.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Western Virginia Conference, will be held at Fayetteville June 13-17, 1907.

Every society is urged to send a delegate. Every delegate must send name to Mrs. Rose Harvey, Fayetteville, W. Va.

M. M. Elam has purchased the Capt. O. D. Botner, residence in upper Madison street. Capt. Botner will continue to occupy the residence.